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September 10, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

IN RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R., Section 54.314, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that Verizon South, Inc. (Study Area 240526) and United Telephone company of the Carolinas (Study Area 240506) have provided sworn affidavits stating that all federal high cost support received during 2004 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrade of facilities and service for which support is intended.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

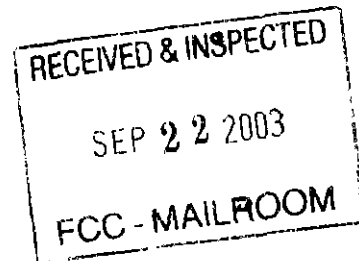
Sincerely,

Gary E. Walsh

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Attachment:

cc: Ms. Irene Flannery
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2120 L. Street, NW, Suite 600
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Certification for 1.3 Loop Count for High Cost Support

I am ASSISTANT MANAGER
(Title of Certifying Officer or Employee)

I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for the preparation of all data in the 13 Loops for High Cost Support data submission for

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE and that I am authorized to execute this certification
(Name of Carrier)

Based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of the data in this submission, I hereby certify that the data have been examined and reviewed and are complete, accurate, and consistent with the rules of the Federal Communications Commission

Date 9/12/2003

Certifying Signature Dewey Doss

Name DEWEY DOSS

Title ASSISTANT MANAGER

Period Covered MARCH 31, 2003

(FCC Rules state that persons making willful false statements in this data submission can be punished by fine or imprisonment under the provisions of the U S Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

Note: For Certification of multiple study areas, provide a list of the study areas and their names on a separate page.